

Sun July 6

Dear Mom & Dad,

I see that you had hot weather on the Fourth and hope you had a good time at the cabin. We had a nice weekend. It was mostly sunny & hot. Friday we spent mostly by the pool and at the clubhouse where beer and hotdogs were served. Saturday we played tennis and later saw "Jaws" which is a very scary movie. Still, it is worth seeing and you should go! Afterwards we ate at a very good Chinese restaurant only two blocks from here. In fact, everything imaginable is only a few blocks away.

Today we went hiking along the C & O canal which was built 150 years ago and is now part of the park system. We took a hike described as very rugged and four hours long. I didn't believe it, but it

turned out to be pretty accurate!

The trail was along rocky cliffs next to the Potomac and in some areas I had to use my hands to get up it and then pull Vickie up after me. I thought I would die of thirst but we made it back to the car and the ice chest of beer. The scenery was beautiful and we will show you the slides when you visit next summer. Now I'm anxious to get curtains for the station wagon and some other items so we can camp out over night.

Vickie likes her job and the paycheck with which she is going to buy diamond earrings. It is very convenient for me to drop her off in the morning and pick her up in the evening. We are having a great time here - Wednesday we're going to a ballet featuring Rudolph Nureyev. I hope I can visit you sometime this summer - Love Jim & Vickie